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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 29, 2011

Mr. Jose Ramos, a Vietnam Veteran, founded the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Organization as a way to establish an appropriate way to honor the members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War. This day was established to honor all of those Veterans that fought so courageously in Vietnam.

More than 2.7 million Americans served during the conflict, more than 58,000 United States soldiers lost their lives, and more than 300,000 were wounded. On March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam. Military members, who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the war, whether at home or abroad, were met with mixed emotions upon their return home and were never adequately honored for their service to our country.

Through tireless efforts of Jose Ramos and the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Organization, HR 184 (Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez) and AB717 (Schwarzenegger) passed in 2009 and March 30th was officially declared as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" throughout the State of California.

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There are now many events held throughout the nation to celebrate the event of these Veterans returning home and to honor those that did not make it home.

I would like to encourage all of the residents of Los Angeles County to support the Vietnam Veterans and to use this day as well as the entire year to express your pride and gratitude to them for their truly courageous and heroic service.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 30, 2011, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day throughout the County of Los Angeles in honor of all who served during the Vietnam Wars.

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